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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/11/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Paper #6, page 6, line 27 - page 10, line 3, filed 11 February 2004, with respect to the rejections of claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, & 23 under 35 USC § 102 and the rejections of claims 2, 4-6, 8, 10, 12-14, 16, 18, 20-22, & 24 under 35 USC § 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, new grounds of rejection are made as set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-3, 7-11, 13, 15-19, & 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dobbs.

Re claims 1, 7, 9, & 17, Dobbs discloses (column 2, lines 12-61) a computer processor and printer arrangement that generates a test data structure (i.e. a test pattern and associated icon) for testing a printer driver by opening the associated application (the print control system) and document (the test pattern) in order to produce a test print from the test data structure.

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Re claims 2, 10, & 18, Dobbs discloses (column 3, lines 22-23) the selection of one of several print options.

Re claims 3, 11, & 19, the described user-selected icon (column 2, lines 54-55) indicates the use of a graphical interface.

Re claims 8, 16, & 24, Dobbs discloses (column 3, lines 27-31) the generation and recording of a compatible print mode log.

Re claim 13, Dobbs discloses (column 2, line 62 - column 3, line 10), an auto-learning arrangement whereby the printer driver is equipped with learned controls corresponding to particular print media types.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

5. Claims 4-5, 12, 14, 20, & 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbs in view of Koppolu et al.

Dobbs does not disclose the use of a registry database to associate applications and documents. The use of a registry database to associate applications and documents is known in the art as disclosed by the Koppolu et al. description (column 1, lines 59-63) of the Windows 95™ registry. The use of a registry database to associate applications and documents in the printer

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driver test arrangement of Dobbs in order to permit documents of various file formats to be used as test patterns would be an expedient obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

6. Claims 6 & 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobbs in view of Weinberger et al.

Re claims 6 & 21, Dobbs further discloses (column 2, line 62 - column 3, line 10), an auto-learning arrangement whereby the printer driver is equipped with learned controls corresponding to particular print media types.

Dobbs discloses the use of a single printer driver. The use of multiple installed printer drivers on a computer system and the selection of a printer driver for a given print job is well known in the art as shown for example by Weinberger (column 4, lines 24-29). The use of such multiple printer drivers in Dobbs to allow the use of multiple printers connected to a single computer would be an expedient obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Conclusion


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 703-305-4390. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 7:00-4:30, alternate Fridays off.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 703-306-0377.

If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 703-308-7452.

Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 703-872-9306.


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